Town of Wellesley Community Preservation Committee Minutes-February 17, 2010

The Community Preservation Committee met in Kingsbury Room at the Wellesley police station on February 17, 2010.

Present were the following CPC members: Jack Morgan (chair), Tony Parker (vice chair), Stephen Murphy, Kara Cicchetti, Bob Goldkamp (joined at 7:30), and Jim Conlin. Susan Minio, CPC administrative assistant was also present. Absent were Joan Gaughan, Rose Mary Donahue, and Allan Port

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

There were no other citizens who attended or chose to speak.

Formal Project Votes

The Chair called for a formal revote of the five appropriations before the Committee. Tony Parker, Vice Chair, moved that the CPC reaffirm the preliminary vote from December 9, 2009 for the five proposals before the Committee, including the Belvedere/Abbott Road sign, the Cluster Zone By-law study, the WHDC Equity Grant, the WHS study of the Dadmun-McNamara House, and the WHC Inventory study.

All in favor: Jack Morgan (chair), Tony Parker (vice chair), Stephen Murphy, Kara Cicchetti and Jim Conlin

Opposed: None

Administrative Expense request for FY11

The motion was seconded by Stephen Murphy

Due to some larger projects potentially coming before the Committee in future years, the Chair would like to propose setting aside 5% for administrative expense rather than a flat \$50,000. The Chair proposed an appropriation of \$60,000.

Jim Conlin moved to request \$60,000 for administrative expenses.

The motion was seconded by Tony Parker, Vice Chair.

All in favor: Jack Morgan (chair), Tony Parker (vice chair), Stephen Murphy, Kara Cicchetti and Jim Conlin

Opposed: None

Reserve Transfers for FY11

By statue a minimum of 10% must be set aside for reserve transfers in each of the main CPC funding areas. Given the current projects set before the Committee, there was a brief discussion surround the amounts that should be reserved for the project areas and

whether more than 10% should be reserved. It was pointed out that a similar end could be achieved more simply through how appropriations are funded.

Stephen Murphy moved that the CPC would make three reserve transfers of \$128,000 for open space, historic resources, and community housing.

The motion was seconded by Kara Cicchetti.

All in favor: Jack Morgan (chair), Tony Parker (vice chair), Stephen Murphy, Kara Cicchetti and Jim Conlin

Opposed: None

Kara Cicchetti wanted to state for the record that she appreciates and supports the position of the Chair.

CPC Dues Invoice

The CPC received an invoice from the *Community Preservation Coalition* for dues for 2010.

Tony Parker moved to approve the invoice for payment.

The motion was seconded by Jim Conlin.

All in favor: Jack Morgan (chair), Tony Parker (vice chair), Stephen Murphy, Kara Cicchetti and Jim Conlin

Opposed: None

Fuller Brook Park Discussion

At 7:28pm the Fuller Brook Park Coordinating Committee (FBPCC) joined the CPC meeting to discuss the proposed Fuller Brook Park project.

In attendance from the FBPCC were: Herb Nolan, an abutter; Heidi Gross, NRC, Neal Seaborn, Chair of NRC; Bill Charlton, DPW; Bob White, Trails; Suzi Newman, School Committee.

Absent were: Katherine L Babson, Jr, Selectman; Rose Mary Donahue, CPC; Janet Bowser, Director of the NRC; and Peter Fergusson, Historic Commission.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Seaborn presented the charge of the Coordinating Committee and stated that it is fully supported by the NRC. The Chair acknowledged that the charge directly addresses the issues raised at the past meeting. Mr. Seaborn presented the plan that covers the next 18 months including some pre-work that can be completed this spring which will positively impact the long term schedule by as much as a full year. Some of the work outlined in the plan will be completed on a volunteer basis by Herb Nolan and Heidi Gross. In addition, the DPW will also begin some work on the project including boundary, topo and utility surveys.

The question was raised on how the CPC should be kept informed on the project. The Chair suggested that the CPC be kept informed through the CPC representative on the Fuller Brook Coordinating Committee. He suggests that the team keep Advisory informed as well.

Jim Conlin questioned the need for the full time project manager in the first year. It was noted that the full FBPCC, including Ms. Babson and Ms. Donahue, strongly supports the use of a Project Manager.

There was a brief discussion around administrative funding to help begin the project prior to the Annual Town Meeting. It was noted that administrative funds were used for both the Clock Tower project and the Electric Sub Station project with very positive results.

Tony Parker, Vice Chair moved o recommend at ATM the appropriation of \$250,000 to support phase one of the Fuller Brook Park project.

The motion was seconded by Stephen Murphy.

All in favor Jack Morgan (chair), Tony Parker (vice chair), Bob Goldkamp, Stephen Murphy, Kara Cicchetti and Jim Conlin

Opposed: None

Tony Parker, Vice Chair, moved to approve funding for a consultant not to exceed \$5,000 for the planning process of the project.

The motion was seconded by Stephen Murphy.

All in favor Jack Morgan (chair), Tony Parker (vice chair), Bob Goldkamp, Stephen Murphy, Kara Cicchetti and Jim Conlin

Opposed: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.